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ADVOCACY

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

656-7328

Darien Social Services, Town Hall **www.darien.org**Judith Morrison, Director

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

60 B. Weston St., Hartford 06120

1-800-842-7303

www.state.ct.us/opapd

TTY 1-860-566-2102

An independent State agency created to safeguard and advance the civil and human rights of people with disabilities.

CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY, IN

860-456-7790

P.O. Box 350, Willimantic, CT 06226 Conn. Only 1-800-262-4414 Legal advice and representation on Medicare issues.

www.medicareadvocacy.org

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

251-9392

1642 Bedford Street, Stamford

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of persons 60 years or older and takes corrective action when necessary.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & HELPLINES

POLICE, FIRE, POST 53

911

Local emergency response

POISON CONTROL

1-800-343-2722

Emergency instructions when poisons have been ingested.

CRISIS INTERVENTION (24 hr. Hotline)

358-8500

Dubois Center

Services are available 7 days a week through crisis phone lines and mobile crisis teams.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

357-8162

141 Franklin Street, Stamford, CT.

Free and confidential services for victims of spousal abuse and other family violence.

INFOLINE www.infoline.org

211

Free and confidential crisis response and a source of information on human services in the Connecticut area.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

DARIEN SOCIAL SERVICES, TOWN HALL

656-7328

Services include: information and referral, counseling, fuel and renter assistance programs, agent for the elderly, transportation by the Gallivant for the elderly, Friendly Visitor, loan closet for medical equipment, visiting nurse, limited financial assistance. **www.darien.org**

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

251-9392

Will check reports of neglect, abuse, exploitation, abandonment.

INFOLINE www.infoline.org

211

24 hours, 7 days, a centralized, free source of information on human services.

ELDERCARE LOCATER

1-800-677-1116

www.aoa.dhhs.gov

Monday through Friday, information on elderly services in other areas. Provide zip code of person you want to assist.

ELDERLY SERVICES, INFORMATION & REFERRAL

Dept. of Social Services, Hartford www.dss.state.ct.us 1-800-994-9422

SOUTHWESTERN CONN. AGENCY ON AGING

www.swcaa.org

1-800-994-9422

Regional information and assistance on aging issues and services, health insurance counseling on options supplementing Medicare.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

1-800-842-8222

For adults without drivers' licenses.

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

656-7328

Darien Social Services, Town Hall

Provides direct aid to eligible individuals and families on a short-term basis.

RENTERS REBATE

656-7328

Darien Social Service, Town Hall

Through a State program a refund is given on yearly rentals for eligible elderly or disabled Darien residents.

SOCIAL SECURITY

1-800-772-1213

2 Landmark Square, Stamford <u>www.ssa.gov</u> Information on Social Security, Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, Disability Assistance. Call first

STATE SUPPLEMENT FOR THE AGED

251-9300

State Dept. of Social Services, 1642 Bedford Street, Stamford 06905 Financial assistance for eligible low income elderly residents.

TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED

656-7310

Tax Assessor, Town Hall, Darien

A State program, property taxes are reduced for eligible Darien residents.

Tax Deferral Program for the Elderly or Disabled. Call for Information and guidelines.

HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling)

1-800-994-9422

Southwestern Conn. Agency on Aging www.swcaa.org 1-203-333-9288

INCOME TAX PREPARATION (VITA)

594-5003

New Canaan Library - February-April—Call for Appt.

MONEY MATTERS

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

348-2696

Conn. Work Center, 1340 Washington Blvd. Stamford

ConnPACE (RX Drug Assistance)

1-800-423-5026

25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106 <u>www.dss.state.ct.us</u> Eligible seniors or disabled citizens pay less for prescription drugs. Income limits apply.

MEDICAID (Title XIX)

251-9300

1642 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT 06905 State medical program for seniors who qualify. Income and asset limits apply.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD 1-800-MEDICARE www.medicare.gov

Go online or call for information and guidelines

QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary)

1-800-994-9422

A program that helps with Medicare Premiums for those eligible. Income and asset limits apply.

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING

1-800-781-2227

www.creditcounseling.org

Non-profit community service offers financial counseling, debt management.

FUEL ASSISTANCE (State Fuel Assistance)

656-7328

Darien Social Services, Town Hall

Awards vary with income and family size. Income and asset limits apply. **Operation Fuel**—Assistance for those above State income guidelines, income limits apply.

<u>Darien Fuel Bank</u>—Assistance for those who do not fit into any other fuel programs. Grants are on a case by case basis

VETERANS AID

CONN. DEPART. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

1-800-827-1000

287 West Street, Rocky Hill 06067 www.ctdol.state.ct.us

www.state.ct.us/ctva

Stamford office 1340 Washington Blvd. Open the fourth Friday of each month from 8:00 –12 p.m. 348-2696 Help with benefits and other concerns of veterans.

SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES

1-203-579-6233

360 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport 06604 <u>www.state.ct.us/ssmf</u> Temporary financial aid to veterans and their families.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 6933 655-8552 205 Noroton Avenue, Noroton Heights.

GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT

Evaluation of seniors' functioning within their environment. Care plan, information and referral to seniors and their families.

BROWN GERIATRIC EVALUATION CLINIC 594-5200 www.waveny.org

Waveny Care Center, New Canaan, CT 06840

NORWALK HOSPITAL GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT 852-3112 www.norwalkhealth.org

Vittoria Gassman, M.D., Michael Marotta, P.A. Not open every day. Call

YALE GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT CENTER 1-203-688-6361 www.ynhh.org

Comprehensive geriatric assessment. The Center evaluates patients with age- related problems that affect daily functioning. Individuals with recent and decline threatened loss of independence are particularly suitable.

GERIATRIC HEALTH AND RESOURCE CENTER GREENWICH HOSPITAL www.greenhosp.org 1-203-863-3000

A home visit program for evaluation of safety in the home. There is a fee dependent upon income. Check with Center for guidelines.

BURKE REHABILITATION MEMORY EVALUATION CENTER White Plains, NY1-914-597-2500

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

DARIEN SOCIAL SERVICES

656-7328

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC, Fairfield Chapter

1-800-272-3900

Support groups for patients as well as caregivers. www. alz.org 845-0010

FAMILY CENTERS, INC.

655-0547

17 Old King's Highway So., Darien, **www.familycenters.org** Individual, family and group counseling.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S AGENCY

855-8765

9 Mott Avenue, Norwalk 06850, <u>www.familyandchildrensagency.org</u> Individual, family and group counseling.

DUBOIS CENTER

388-1600

780 Summer Street, Stamford **Crisis Program 358-8500** Wide range of mental health services. Crisis, individual and group counseling.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

921-4161

111 Prospect Street, Stamford, <u>www.stamfordjfs.org</u>
Non sectarian services include individual, couple and group counseling

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, www.neighborhoodusa.com

12-step program. Call for local meetings.

323-3115

LMG, www.lmgprograms.org

325-1511

159 Colonial Road, Stamford 06906

Substance abuse healthcare agency and a wide range of drug and alcohol addiction services. There is a program specifically for seniors.

NORWALK HOSPITAL ALCOHOL REHAB.

852-2988

Maple Street, Norwalk 06850

Inpatient and day treatment program for alcohol addiction.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

656-7321

Town Hall, Darien, Inta V. Adams, Coordinator

e-mail: iadams.ci.darien.ct.us

Friendly Visitors provides volunteer visitor to older Darien residents who are in need of companionship.

CENTER FOR HOPE

655-4693

590 Post Road, Darien

www.centerforhope.org

Counseling and programs with special expertise in the impact of illness and loss on individuals, of all ages, and families.

BENNET CANCER CENTER

276-7199

34 Shelburne Road, Stamford www.stamhealth.org

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION,

1-860-563-1177

Www.arthritis.org

35 Cold Spring Rd., Rocky Hill—Conn. Chapter

DIAL A PRAYER

655-7729

Noroton Presbyterian Church A daily inspirational recording.

REHABILITATION CENTER of SOUTHWESTERN CT. 276-2660 Tully Center, Stamford

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

323-1105

1986 Post Road, Darien www.bridgeportdiocese.com

Caregivers support group and professional counseling services. Senior Nutrition

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

656-1128

Family Centers Inc.

20 Bridge St., Greenwich 06830

www.familycenters.org

Telephone Support Group offers support, socialization, recreation, discussion and lectures. **Telephone Reassurance**—volunteers make daily phone calls to elderly and homebound.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are trained church members who volunteer to act as a support and mentor to those who are facing personal challenges.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Carenet Ministry) 14 Brookside Road, Darien	655-0491
NOROTON PRESPYTERTIAN CHURCH 2011 Post Road	655-1451
ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1864 Post Road, Darien	655-1456
ST. THOMAS MOORE CHURCH 374 Middlesex Road, Darien	655-3303

MEALS/GROCERIES

DARIEN SENIOR CENTER,

655-1705

30 Edgerton Street, Director Nancy Zengo

Caroline Lewis, Assistant Director www.darien.org

A nutritious lunch served five days a week Monday through Friday.

The cost is \$4.00. Reservations must be made by 11:30 for the noon meal.

MEALS ON WHEELS

323-3294

945 Summer Street, Stamford

www.getmealsonwheels.org

Home delivered meals, cost on a sliding scale.

SENIOR NUTRITION

324-6175

Home delivered meals. Referrals must be made by a hospital, doctor or social service agency and client must be **unable** to prepare their own meals.

PERSON-TO-PERSON FOOD PANTRY

655-0048

St. Luke's Church, Darien www.darien.org

Emergency food for residents in need. Referral must be made by a social worker.

FOOD STAMPS 251-9323

State Dept. of Social Services, 1642 Bedford St.,

Stamford www.dss.state.ct.us

A nutrition program to assist elderly and disabled residents purchase food. Income and asset limits apply.

RED CROSS SHOPPER

655-2586

www.darien.org

Grocery shopping by volunteers for elderly or disabled residents.

HOME CARE SERVICES

CONN. HOME CARE FOR ELDERS

1-860-424-4904

www.swcaa.org

A program of Conn. Dept. of Social Services contracted with Southwestern Conn. Agency on Aging, which funds a variety of home care services as an alternative to nursing home care. Income and asset restrictions.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S AGENCY

855-8765

9 Mott Avenue, Norwalk <u>www.familyandchildrensagency.org</u> HomeCare *Plus* Dept. offers a range of health care services to residents. Services include companion, escort, homemaker, chore and carpenter services. Call to inquire about cost.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

921-4161

111 Prospect Street, Stamford

www.stamfordjfs.org

Non sectarian services, home companion services.

NURSING & HOME CARE, INC. MID-FAIRFIELD HOSPICE

1-800-898-4663

180 School Road, P.O. Box 489 Wilton, CT 06897

www.visitingnurse.net

Home health care services, visiting nurses, home health aides, bath service, companions, assisted living at home program, Hospice and respite care. Medicare-certified, non-profit agency.

HOME CARE SERVICES

CONN. ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE

1-203-333-9288

www.swcaa.org

Offers caregivers some "time-off" from the responsibility of caring for family members. Funds are available for adult day care, in-home care, and short-term, out-of-home respite.

LOAN CLOSET 656-7328

Darien Social Services, Town Hall Short-term loans of wheelchairs, canes, and walkers.

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE

276-3000

1029 East Main Street, Stamford. Non-profit Agency

HOME MAINTENANCE AND CHORES

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S AGENCY

855-8765

9 Mott Avenue, Norwalk 06850 <u>www.familyandchildrensagency.org</u> Chore Service. Home care staff performs chores, including heavy duty homecleaning, maintenance and home repairs.

JOBS OFFICE - Call between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

655-3113

Darien High School

Students available after school and weekends for

snow shoveling, and raking leaves. Call YOUTH OPTIONS during

summer months

655-8973

PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED

1-860-231-8756 1-800-708-6796

67 Prospect Ave., Hartford 06106 Interpreting counseling and job services

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION—Norwalk Chapter

845-0010

607 Main Ave. Norwalk 06851 - 24 hr. helpline

1-800-272-3900

www.alz.org

Information, assistance, literature and referrals. Safe Return Program. Support groups, Respite Program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND

1-800-842-4510

184 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095

1-860-249-8525

Provides comprehensive home and community services for legally blind persons of all ages.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

324-6611

945 Summer St., Stamford 06905

Volunteer readers, drivers, visitors and clerical assistants

DARIEN LIBRARY, DIAL-A-BOOK

655-2568

35 Leroy Avenue, Darien

www.darien.lib.ct.us

A Darien Library service for all ages temporarily or permanently homebound. Books, videos, books-on-tape and other items may be borrowed. Service is free. Volunteers will deliver to your home and return borrowed items to the Library.

TELEPHONE/COMMUNITY RESPONSE

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

656-1128

Family Center, Inc., Darien

www.familycenters.org

Daily calls to elderly clients by volunteers. Telephone group calls offering news, discussion, and bingo.

MEDIC ALERT

1-800-432-5378

I.D. bracelet with vital statistics and drug allergies printed on back.

LIFELINE OF SOUTHWESTERN CONN.

853-3116

137 East Avenue 2nd fl., Norwalk, 06851

www.darien.org

A 24 hour emergency response system with small personal "help" button to summon immediate aid.

POSTAL CARRIER ALERT

656-7328

Darien Social Services, Town Hall

Postman will alert a contact person if mail has accumulated after a couple of days.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

656-7328

Designed to alert emergency personnel of vital information about a Senior Citizen in case of an accident or other medical emergency.

LEGAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE, Bridgeport

1-203-335-4116

CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES

348-9216

20 Summer Street, Stamford www.connlegalservices.org

Income and asset limits apply.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

1-203-269-2700

www.connecticut.bbb.org

CONNECTICUT LAWYERS LEGAL AID TO THE ELDERLY

1-860-273-4303

151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford 06156 Free legal services to those who fall within legal guidelines.

CONSUMER LAW PROJECT FOR ELDERS CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

1-800-296-1467

Free legal help for seniors with consumer problems Monday-Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

DARIEN RED CROSS

655-2586

www.ctredcross.org/darien

39 Leroy Avenue, Darien

Transportation to medical appointments. Give 48 hr. notice

EASY ACCESS - NORWALK TRANSIT

"Dispatch a Ride"

299-5180

275 Wilson Avenue

Door-to-Door Transportation Service for people with disabilities Call for more information

GALLIVANT 655-2227

Call Darien Social Services for more information

656-7328

Door-to-door transportation service for Darien's older citizens as well as physically disabled residents. Wheelchair accessible.

HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMITS

1-800-842-8222

Department of Motor Vehicles

Applications are available at Darien Social Services, Town Hall.

ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAMS

A structured daytime program for elderly persons in the community who need supervision or socialization. Transportation may be available

PATCHWORK'S ADULT DAY SERVICES AT STAMFORD HEALTH SYSTEM

276-7388

26 Palmer's Hill Road

Open six days a week Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.stamhealth.org

ELDERHOUSE, INC.

847-1998

7 Lewis Street, Norwalk 06851

Open five days a week Monday through Fridays 8a.m.-5 p.m..

CARE GIVERS NIGHT OUT—Tuesday & Thursday 8a.m.-7 p.m.

www.elderhouse.net

WAVENY CARE CENTER

594-5200

3 Farm Rd. New Canaan 06840

Open five days a week Monday through Friday—8 a.m.-3 p.m.

www.waveny.org

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

NORWALK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

121 Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854 Affiliated with Norwalk Hospital.

203-899-1770

AMERICARE FREE CLINIC

899-2493

98 South Main Street, South Norwalk, CT

LIONS LOW VISION CENTER

1-203-863-3295

Cheryl Feldheim, Contact

55 Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich, Conn. 06830

The Center is for individuals who are in need of low vision devices or counseling on activities of daily living.

THE DENTAL CENTER

969-0802

587 Elm Street, Stamford, CT 06902

Accepts most dental insurances including Medicaid . If there is no dental Insurance there is a sliding fee scale

STAMFORD HEALTH SERVICES, FAMILY MEDICINE 353-2020

Tully Center, 32 Strawberry Hill Court Medicaid accepted and sliding scale

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

1-860-424-3000

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

CONN. WORK CENTER, JOB CENTER

348-2696

1340 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

SERVICE CORP. OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES

847-7348

(SCORES) 24 Belden Avenue, Norwalk

RECREATION/FITNESS AND EDUCATION

DARIEN TOWN HALL Fishing, Clamming and Hunting Licenses.	656-7300
YMCA 2420 Post Road, Darien	655-8228
YWCA 49 Old Kings Highway North, Darien	655-2535
CHARTER OAK PASS Free pass to CT State Parks for adults 65 and over www.dep.state.ct.us/stateparks/passes.htm	1-860-424-3200
FIT FOR LIFE Norwalk Hospital	852-2038
DARIEN 60+ CLUB	655-9050
274 Middlesex Road, (DCA) Thursdays DARIEN SENIOR MEN'S CLUB Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Darien Community Association 274 Middlesex Road	655-9050
DARIEN ADULT EDUCATION	656-7467

Darien seniors 62 and over are offered a 10% discount on all classes

P.O. Box 1167, Darien, CT 06820-1167 www.darien.k12.ct.us/adulteducation

RECREATION/FITNESS AND EDUCATION

COLLEGE COURSES

Many nearby colleges offer to discount or waive their con	urse fees
DARIEN SENIOR CENTER 30 Edgerton Street, MonFri. www.darien.org	655-1705
CONTINUING EDUCATION, STAMFORD Senior Discount 369 Washington Blvd. Stamford, 06902	977-4209
CONTINUING EDUCATION, DARIEN Ed Gomez <u>www.edgomez@dairen.k12.ct.us</u>	656-7467
CONTINUING EDUCATION, NORWALK 125 East Avenue, Norwalk 06852	854-4115
DARIEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 274 Middlesex Road	655-9050
LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA 1 Belden Ave., Norwalk, CT (English as a second langua	853-7437 ge)
DARIEN LIBRARY www.darien.lib.ct.us Go online or call for current calendar of events.	655-2568
ELDERHOSTEL	1-877-426-8056

LIFETIME LEARNERS
Norwalk Community Technical College, 188 Richards Avenue
857-7316

11 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111 www.elderhostel.org

Not for profit educational adventure for adults 55 and older.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road Inta V. Adams, Coordinator This program provides volunteer visitors to older Darien reside who are in need of companionship.	656-7321 ents
RED CROSS	655-2586
PERSON-TO-PERSON Judy Kilmartin, Director of Volunteers	655-0048
DARIEN SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN Nancy Zengo, Director	655-1705
AARP	655-0538
MEALS-ON-WHEELS 945 Summer Street, Stamford 06905	323-3294
RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP 98 South Main Street, Norwalk) 899-2442
VOLUNTEER CENTER 62 Palmer Hill Road, Stamford	348-7714

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